The loss of property by the fire of Wednesday night, in the United States Appraiser's store on Greenwich-st, will not prove so large as was at first feared. Deputy Collector Tomkins, who is in charge of the public store, told a TRIBUNE reporter yesterday that in the opinion of those who had carefully examined the matter, the loss of goods from fire and water would not exceed \$125,000, and some placed it much lower. The damage to the building he estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The store extended through from Greenwich-st. to Church-st, there being practically two buildings which, when they were first erected, were connected by open arches. These were afterward closed with iron doors, which fortunately preserved the Church-st building from injury. The iron doors were heated to a red heat, but successfully withstood the flames.

The Appraiser's store receives sample cases from all invoices of duriable goods which enter this port. These constitute about one-tenth of all the importations. Genrally only one case from each lot is sent to the store; but the Appraiser may if he sees fit send for other cases or for the whole invoice. Importations on which duties e collected are divided into ten classes, each of which has a separate department in the public store, and each department is under the supervision of a special assistant appraiser and a corps of examiners. The cases re voice to which each belongs can be readily ascertained. Duplicate invoices are on file in the Custom-house. Deputy Collector Tomkins said yesterday that it would take early a week to compile, from the books of the store, a that it would then take a long time to compare it with the invoices and ascertain the character and value of the goods and the names of the owners.

oriers themselves do not know the amount of ascertain with certainty whether they have lost any thing. The managers of the Custom-house business of A T Stewart & Co., H. B. Claffin & Co., and other large houses, were investigating the matter all day yesterday, but without reaching definite results. "It is impossible," one of them said to a TRIBUNE reporter, "to find out anything about it. We have goods constantly oded warehouse and what to the Appraiser's store We found some goods out the wharf to-day which we had supposed were lost, and it is not unlikely that we may find that we have lost some goods which we had ORIGIN OF THE PIEC.

The fire is believed to have originated in the woot loft under the roof, where there was a large amount of unwashed wool in bales, and \$5,000 worth of samples hangaround the walls. The baker next door, who discov who first entered the building, agree in this opinion. The officers believe it to have been caused by the spontaneous combustion of wool saturated with only substances, and in this view Mr. Jackson, of the old firm of Mudget & Jackson, who is considered an expert in such matters, fully concurs. There was no fire in the building except in the three furnaces in the cellar, and in the evening. Watchmen who visited every floor during the night carried lanterns. There was on each floor a clock having over the dial a " watchman's index," which showed by an indentation under the number for each hour whether it had been visited by the watchmen in charge at the time indicated. The clocks showed that they had been visited each hour to nine, inclusive, on Wednesday night; but as the fire was not discovered until 9:40, it may have had fully half an hour in which to gain headway. Only the upper or sixth floor on the Greenwich-st, side was destroyed; the was done, and the contents of the fourth floor suffered considerably from water. The elevators were destroyed, but the books and papers relating to the business were all preserved unipjured. The outer wall is standing and is believed to be perfectly secure.

THE BURNED GOODS. The top or sixth floor contained the goods which co under the sixth division for appraisal. J. A. Baush is the Assistant Appraiser, and J. A. Walton, G. L. Crocker, and M. Wickham are examiners. It contained the following classes of goods: Coir, esparte, sisal, gross, fiber, flax, flocks, bair of all kinds, hemp, jute, shoddy, wool, and all materials which enter into or form a component part of textie fabrics, except cotton and silk, bristles, canes unmanufactured, carpets, carpeting, furs, and all manufactures of fur, mats and matting, oil cloth, palm

eds belonging to the Fifth Appraiser's division. C. W. Meade was the Assistant Appraiser, and G. A. Ruch, G. Carter, J. H. H. Cushman, and F. H. Clark were the examiners. This floor contained samples of bunting, the premises are to be used and occupied only "as armorcorsets, feathers, crude and ornamental; flowers, artificial and natural, dyed and dried; gloves, hair braids, straw braids, umbrellas, and worsted goods of every | the city; and as the lease cannot by its terms be as-

A large amount of damage was done by water to goods on the fourth floor, where there was a large num-ber of valuable foreign books and paintings. The goods on this floor belong to the Tenth Appraiser's division, of which D. C. Sturges was the Assistant Appraiser, and J. McFarrington, A. L. Smith, D. W. Lee, and W. Walcutt were Examiners. It contained ale, artists' materials, ibeverages, blacking, books, cocoa, coffee, cordials, food, fruits, grain, grease, groceries, except molasses and sugar; maps, malt, mineral waters; nuts, not drugs; oils, except essential and medicinal; paper, paintings, plants, porter, printed matter, seeds, sealing wax; soap not toilet; soap stock; sopaline, spirisealing was, soap not expect the street of the street varieties the beaus, waiters, wines, and works of art. To this division also belong guippewder and fireworks, but the Deputy Collector assured the reporter that there were none of these goods in the building at the time of the

Deputy Collector assured the reporter that there were none of these goods in the building at the time of the fire.

The Church-st. building was uninjured; but as the goods were all received on the Greenwich-st. side, the Appraiser's business must necessarily suffer considerable temporary derangement. Early yesterday morning orders were issued by the Collector for all goods to be taken for appraisal to the General Order stores nearest the wharf where they are landed. This arrangement will probably continue for several days, though the Custem-house officers were yesterday in consultation about hiring the large building on Pearl, Bridge and State-sits for use as an Appraiser's store, until the old one can be repaired. Mr. Darling thought well of the proposition, and spoke of the building as one well adapted to the business, being, at all events, the best that could be got in an emergency.

Deputy Collector Tomkins said that he kept a private memorandum of the number of packages received and discharged each day, and that from this he had learned that on Wednesday morning there were just 5,238 packages stored in the two buildings. He had no means of immordiately learning their value or the kinds of goods contained in them.

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The building is owned by Dr. John C. Ayer of Lowell, Mass., in whose absence the insurances on it could not

A special meeting of the members of the New-York A special meeting of the members of the New-York Board of Fire Underwriters, interested in the fire, was called for 1 p. m. yesterday, at their rooms, No. 156 Broadway. Mr. Crowell of the Phenix of Brooklyn presided, and most of the companies that had risks on the building and stock were represented. On a call of the companies, it was found that the risks footed up about \$80,000 on the building, and \$250,000 on the stock. The amount on the lease could not be ascertained owing to the absence of some of the members. The amount of risks of the several companies represented ranged from \$2,500 to \$35,000. Among these were:

The Phenix of Brooklyn, on building, \$1,000; New-York & Youkers, on building, \$5,000; Merchants', on building, \$10,000; Continental, on stock, \$3,000; Jefferson, on stock, \$1,000; Colliable of Providence, on rents, \$5,000; Hanover, on stock, \$3,000; German, on stock, \$4,000; Lycoming, on stock, \$5,000; St. Nicholas, on stock, \$4,000; Pireman's, on stock, \$5,000; St. Nicholas, on stock, \$5,000; Fireman's, on stock, \$5,000; St. Nicholas, on stock, \$5,000; The Laverpool, London and Glove declined to state the amount of their risks.

The actual amount of the loss will be only a small percentage of the risks, as some of the most valuable goods were in the uninjured part of the building on Church-st, and the salvage of goods on the Greenwichst, side will be very large. A special committee was appointed to take charge of all unidentied goods. The Fire Marshal made a perconal examination of the building yesterday, and will begin an official investigation to-day. Appraiser Darling telecraphed, yesterday, to Washington for instructions, and now thinks that an investigation into the cause of the fire will be ordered by the Treasury Department. Board of Fire Underwriters, interested in the fire, was

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THE REBATE QUESTION.

The fire at the Appraiser's Office excited general discussion among the wholesale merchants, the greater number of whom had packages there for examination. At the Custom-house there was even greater excitement, and the origin and details of the fire were excitement, and the origin and details of the fire were theroughly canvassed. The principal officials and clerks declared that the fire would involve a vast amount of labor and trouble, arising from the destruction of the involces of the goods, the Appraiser's report and papers, and the erasure of marks upon the cases. Another source of trouble will arise from the claims of dishonest merchants for rebate of duties on goods which were never in the Appraiser's office. By the provisions of the following section of the Act of Congress of May 28, 185s, the merchants are entitled to a rebate or refunding of duty on damaged or destroyed merchandise while under the care of the Government:

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thal injury or destruction, in whole or in part, of any goods, wares, or mer-chancise, by accidental fire or other cascalty, while the same remained in the custody of the officers of the Custons in any public or private warehouse mader houd or in the Appriater's stores modergates appraisal in pursuance of law or regulations of the Treasury Department, or while in transportation under bands, from the port of entry to zar where port in the United States, to above or refund, as the case may be, out of any

bouse bond or bonds, or cause antisfaction thereon in whole or part, as the case may be.

Acting Collector Leydecker said yesterday that he had telegraphed to the Treasury Department at Washington the effect of the fire, and had suggested the necessity for temperary accommodations pending the repairs to the present structure. Up to the time a TRIBUNE reporter had this conversation with him there had been no reply. Mr. Leydecker said that the Deputy Collector in charge of the building had made an informal report of the fire early in the morning, but no information respective its origin had been obtained. Owing to the fact that the energies of all connected with the Appraisers' Office and Public Store were required to overcome so far as possible the effects of the fire, Mr. Leydecker had not called for a written report, but will probably begin an official investigation into the matter to-day. He does not think, however, that the loss will exceed \$150,000.

OTHER LOCAL FIRES.

CARELESSNESS IN A DRUG STORE-LOSS, \$45,000. A can of alcohol was upset in the basement of the wholesale drug store of Julius Zeller at No. 51 Division-st. by Herman Horstman, a poster, yesterday afternoon, and, before precaution could be taken, finme from a candle ignited a portion of the liquid. The flames of the burning alcohol quickly communicated with a quantity of straw on the floor, some chemicals were then fired, an explosion followed, and the workmen were compelled to flee before the mass of flame which almost instantaneously filled the basement. A telegraph alarm signal was fired, and the firemen quickly arrived, but before the first stream of water could be poured 1010 the building the flames had penetrated the first floor and thence by the hatchway three floors above. Chief Eugineer Bates upon arriving and seeing that the fire threatened to spread to other buildings, telegraphed for a second division of engines to come to the spot. The building was a very deep one, running through to East Broadvay, and thus from its length the firemen were unable to reach the flames in the middle portion, being also elled from the heat of the flames to content them ith pouring in streams from the street. Presi-cier, of the Fire Department, at last ordered the to be placed against the building, and the hose dually carried nearer and placed within the winwater; and with such effect that the names questy as appeared, dense smoke poured for a few moments out of the windows only to be changed into a light vapor, and the vapor itself in a short time disappeared, leaving in the biaskened windows the only token of the fire.

Julius Zeiler, wholesale druggist, occupied the basement and the first and fourth floors of No. 51 Division-st.

Mr. Zeiler estimated that the stock in his store at the moment of the fire was worth \$0,000, upon which there was an insurance of \$0,000, chiefly in companies outside of this city. J. Foss & sons used the second and third floors of No. 51 Division-st, and the first, second, and third floors of No. 51 Division-st, and the first, second, and third floors of No. 51 Division-st, and the first, second, and third floors of No. 51 Division-st, and the first, second, and the Alemannia, Lordlard, and Hieernia. The building, owned by J. Downing, was damaged \$5,000; insured in the Alice and the first floor of the printing establishment of the Harper Brothers, at No. 335 Pearl-st., yesterday, damaged stock \$200. The fire was caused by the iguiting of waste paper from the friction of machinery.

AN EXORBITANT ARMORY LEASE.

MORE MONEY PAID FOR THE POURTH PLOOR THAN THE WHOLE BUILDING COULD HAVE YIELDED-THE CONTROLLER REVIEWS THE EX-CHAMBER LAIN'S RECORD.

Controller Green has called the attention of Mayor Havemeyer to the conditions of the lease of one of the regimental drill-rooms, and in an elaborate letter, in which the former City Chamberlain's connection with the transaction is carefully delineated, expresses the intention of contesting the payments under the instrument which he contends should be canceled at once. The letter will be found

To the Hon. WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor. SIE: I deem it my duty to ask your attention to certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors Oct. 31, 1872, one of which directs the Controller to pay the rent under the lease by Charles Johnson, George Shepherd, and Francis A. Palmer, of the fourth floor of the building on the south-west corner of Ninth-ave. and Twenty-seventh-st., "up to Nov. 1, 1872, upon receiving from the lessors of said lense a full discharge to said city and county of any liability for the remaining term of said lease." The other authorizes and directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on its behalf to exccute a lease from Charles Johnson and George Shepherd of the same premises for a term of twelve years and six months from Nov. 1, 1872, at an annual rent, of \$12,000. It is claimed that the clerk of the Board of Supervisors did, on Oct. 31, 1872, execute a new lease with Messrs. Johnson and ized by the resolutions to which I have referred until a proper discharge of the liability of the city under the previous lease, and was therefore, for this and other reasons, void. In this alleged lease it is specified that ies;" so that it during the next 12 years they should not be required for armories and drill-rooms, they could be used for no other purpose, and would be valueless to signed without the consent of the lessors, they would be able to get back their premises on very advantageous terms. By the terms of the resolutions their whole effect depended upon a discharge of the city and county from any liability for the remaining term of the existing lease, and the payment of the rent in arrears. If the original lease was in force of course the owners of the building could not make a new one. fore that action was taken it was necessary that their discharge should be perfected. That this view is correct will be seen by reference to other facts. In the report of the Committee on Armories and Drill-rooms, recommending the adoption of the said resolutions, it is distinctly stated that these who leased the premises to the Board of Supervisors "have agreed to cancel the said lease on the payment to them the county of the sum due to them to Nov. 1,1872, and make a new lease of the premises.' The same statement is repeated in an affidavit by Mr. Johnson, on June 10, 1873, as the basis of an application for a mandamus to compel me to pay the rent. There can be no dispute, therefore, as to the fact that the new lease was to be made upon the payment of the rent in arrears, and the canceling of the old lease. By the same affidavit it appears that the pretended new lease bears date, and was acknowledged on Oct. 31, 1872, while it is stated the discharge from the old lease which was to precede it bears date and acknowledgment on Nov. 1, 1872. This discharge I have not been able to find, after making inquiries at the office of the Board of Supervisors, and after thorough search through the records of

this department. I must here refer to another fact of a very singular character. Charles Johnson, George Shepherd, and Francis A. Palmer were the original lessors. It is stated in Mr. Johnson's affidavit that Mr. Palmer, on May 1, 1871, assigned his interest to Sidney P. Nichols. The resolution of the Board of Supervisors directs a new lease to be made with Messrs. Johnson and Shepherd, and the pretended new lease of Oct. 31, 1872, was executed by them only. The alleged discharge of the county from the old lease was, it is claimed, executed by Mr. Nichols with them; and the three, in July, 1873, unite in the application for a mandamus. Pirst Mr. Palmer appears, then Mr. Nichols, then neither. and finally Mr. Nichols again. Such changes sometimes indicate fraud in minor transactions, but are unusual in those relating to real estate. If Mr. Nichols really became the possessor of Mr. Putnam's interest on May 1, 1871, the fact was known to his co-lessors when the resolutions of Oct. 31, 1872, were adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and he should have been named as one of the persons to execute the new lease. But whether the interest was in fact owned by Mr. Palmer or Mr. Nichols, Messrs, Johnson & Shepherd do not appear to own the whole interest, and if so they could not lease the premises to the County of New-York.

It will be my duty to resist by all the means in my power the payment of any rent under the new lease, not only ibecause it has not in my opinion been legally made, but because it partakes of the objectionable character which I shall show attaches in a flagrant degree to the original lease. Under the first lease the rent for the fourth floor of the building is \$18,090 a year. I have clused R. G. Hatfield, whose experience and capacity are well known, to visit the premises and make an estimate of the proper proportion of the rental value of the fourth floor (the uppermost one in the building) to that of the whole building. His report estimates it to be 18 per cent. I have also caused inquiries to be made of other competent persons, and not one of them estimates the rental value of the fourth floor of a building as high as 18 per cent of the whole rent. I adopt Mr. Hatfield's estimate because it is the most favorable one to the lessors. If the rental value of the fourth floor be is per cent of that of the whole building, a rent of \$18,000 for that floor would be equal to a rest of \$100,000 for the whole building. The Assessors' valuation for the ground and building in the year 1870, when the lease was made, was \$55,000. This was increased in 1871 to \$75,000, and in 1872 to \$80,000.

Supervisors in 1870 actually agreed to pay for the use of less than a quarter part in of the premises a rent each year at a rate which for the whole premises is nearly double the amount fixed by the Tax Commissioners in that year as the value of the whole broperty. A rent of \$18,000 for the fourth floor was 32 per cent of the Assessors' valua-tion of the entire property in 1870. If we take three times the Assessors' valuation for 1870, to wit, \$165,000 (which is probably more than any competent person would estimate the ground and building to be worth), a cent of \$18,000 for the fourth floor is more than ten per cent upon that amount, the usual rate of rent in this If this be correct, the Board of Supervisors agreed to pay for the fourth floor more than the fair rental value of the whole building.

The term of the two leases is 15 years and 4 months, being from Jan. 1, 1870, to May 1, 1885. The total rent of the fourth floor for that period, if these leases be valid, will be \$201,000, which is more than the present actual value of the whole property. If the whole building were cased at that rate the rent for that term without accumulations of interest, would amount to \$1,116,556, more than five times the present actual vaine of the property. The lessers claim to own a valuable omnibus franchise, and they eccupy the rest of the building for their stable and workshops. To that franchise the Board of Supervisors added an agreement to take the fourth floor of

and they occupy the rest of the building for their stable and workshops. To that franchise the Board of Supervisors added an agreement to take the fourth floor of their stable building at an amount more than equal to the interest upon the whole value of the ground and duilding and the taxes. This was in effect equal to a yearly gift of the rental value of the part of the premises occupied by them for their business.

It would seem that nothing more than a statement of this lease. But there are other facts of a very significant character. Francis A. Palmer was President of this lease. But there are other facts of a very significant character. Francis A. Palmer was President of the Broadway Bank, on which the warrants of the City and County Treasurer werethen paid. Although the lease is dated in June, 1570, the resolution directing it to be made was adopted in May. In that month the most enormous of the frauds on the Treasury of this city and county were perpetrated, Many millions were paid out of that bank in that month on forged or fraudulent claims, and large portions of the accounts so paid out of that bank in that month on forged or fraudulent claims, and large portions of the accounts so paid out of that bank in that month on forged or fraudulent claims, and large portions of the accounts as paid out of that bank in that bank, the principal of whom was William M. Tweed, the then President of the Board of Supervisors, on the 26th day of the same month into bank. It is certain that the then President of the Board of Supervisors, on the 26th day of the same month in which he was participating in such monstrons payments from the public treasury himself offered the resolution for the making of the original lease with Francis A. Palmer, the President of the Broadway Bank, with others at this extraordinary rent. The resolution was adopted at once without debate, reference to a committee, or consideration of a ny kind. Why did not Mr. Palmer make known the enormous frauds, the processes of the mental of the bank an

UTILIZING CRIME.

MAYOR HAVEMEYER'S VISIT TO RANDALL'S ISLAND-

HIS VIEWS OF CONVICT LABOR. Mayor Havemeyer, Controller Green, Commissioners Stern and Laimbeer of the Board of Charities and Correction, Alderman Ottendorfer and a few friends, made a trip down the Sound, yesterday, calling at Randali's Island. It was their purpose to visit the school-ship Mercury, but she was unexpectedly away on a cruise. The Mayor told a TRIBUNE reporter that he wanted to have a talk with the boys and see what kind of fellows they were, what they were there for and how they liked the business. He thought the subject required investigation. A boy ought not to be forced into a trade which was distasteful to him, for he would never amount to anything in it, and would give it up as soon as possible. Perhaps there were some who wanted to be sailors, if so it was all right; but if there were any there as a punishment for stealing a barrel, or ich thing, it was all wrong. Boys ought not to b taught a trade and made to work at it as a punishment any more than men. He wanted to acc, also, if there were any on board who were only paupers. The city had no right to send a boy to sea just because he was poor; he could be put to much better ise. But the Mayor said as the ship was away, he did n't know where, the trip, so far as its main o was concerned, went for nothing. He visited the institutions on Randall's Island and found them in a most excellent condition under the management of Mr. Stevens, whom he had always found a faithful and indus-

trious man. During the trip he talked with Commissioner Stern about pauper and convict labor, and the latter's projects for improving the penal and charitable institutions, as well as for rendering them more economical to the city. Well as for renering them much thought. There were several objections to criminal labor, which would have to be obviated before the plan could be successfully established. In the first place their work must not be permitted to come in competition with that of honest laborers. Then there was the difficulty about the ten-day system. The term was too short for the prisoner to learn a trade or get fairly at work. He was inclined to think that Commissioner Stern was pretty nearly right in his view; that the ten-day system ought to be abouthed, or at least that when a man or woman had been sent up for a short term a few times, the term ought to be lengthened to six months or a year, or even ioneer; then they could be made of some use, or at all events be kept found they could live without it. Perhaps the change in the law could be brought about. Mr. Stern had a plan of starting a laundry on Blackwell's Island, in which the prisoners could be employed. Tais might do as a starting point. One thing he had long believed—the people of the island ought to have their shoes and clothes made on the island. There certainly ought to be enough shoemakers and women who could sew to accomptish that much, and no one could find any fault with the arrangement. The public lest-He had often talked with Mr. Stern on the same subject, ought to be enough shoemakers and women who could sew to accomplish that much, and no one could find any fault with the arrangement. "The public institutions on the islands," continued the Mayor, "are immense, and Commissioners Stern and Laimbeer are giving their whole attention to them. They are doing nobly. I couldn't have appointed better men. They are just the sort of men I wanted—none of your fancy men who would go around with kid gloves and order other people about."

THE "NEW STATE" MOVEMENT.

POPULATION OF THE PROPOSED STATE-ITS COMMER-CIAL ADVANTAGES.

Speaking of the "New State" movement in Tennessee, The Memphis Appeal says "it is yet a mere embryo, an inchoate thing," which may mean material State development or political maneuvering. The Appeal gives a tabular statement of the counties in each State (comprising in all from 25,000 to 30,000 square miles) from which it is proposed to inaugurate the new State, with the population of each county according to the ninth census, and adds:

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This gives us, if we are correctly informed. 44 counties and an aggregate population of 720,886; but to this we may make an addition of 10 per cent, giving us in round numbers 800,000. The district named embraces a fine upland and valley country, abundantly blessed with navigable streams and intersected by railways either completed or in prospectu. The population is for the most part intenigent, and many of the counties boast a high degree of culture, wealth, and morality. With the Tenuessee, Ohio, and Mississippi Ruyers, the Memphis and Charleston, Mobile and Ohio, Mississippi and Tennessee, Mississippi Central, Memphis and Paducah, Memphis and Selma, Memphis and Little Rock, Memphis and Louisville, and other railroads to do the carrying trade of the proposed State, it would enter the field of competition with the older States with everything in its favor, while with Memphis as its commercial in not political center, it would at once take rank as the foremost among the vigorous States of the great South-West. But can the work be accomplished! It is a herculcan undertaking, and we propose soon to look into the constitutional question and tell our readers how the law requires the work to be done. the work to be done.

The Quarantine Commissioners met at 2 p. m. yesterday, in the presence of the Health Officer, Dr. Vanderpoel, and B. F. Tracy, Counsel for the Board, and after receiving the title to property at Clifton, Staten Island, for the new postding station, ordered that the contract should be drawn and the work begun at once. It is expected that the station will be completed in three months. HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER, TESTERDAY, AT DICKINSON'S IN PARK-ROW

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

The Saxon Band sailed for Europe by the Hamburg steamer Westphalia, yesterday. Only 98 emigrants arrived at Castle Garden,

yesterday. They came by the Great Western from The Liberal Club will be addressed, to-night, by John Wise, the aeronant, who will describe his pro-posed transatiantic balloon voyage.

President Grant returned from the Catskills by the Hudson River steamer Mary Powell yesterday morning. From the beat he took the revenue steamer Manhattan for Sandy Hook, whence he went by special train to Long Branch.

Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Janes inspected the works of the New-York Fertilizing Company at the foot of West Fortleth-st., yesterday, and will re-port the result of his inspection to the Board of Health at its meeting to-day.

The Secretary of the Pilot Commissioners has written a letter to the Mayor, complaining of the action of the Dock Commissioners in throwing dredgings into the North River, above Spayten Duyvil, thereby impeding navigation.

At the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, at

No. 203 East Thirty-fourth-st., 1,285 patients have been treated for diseases of the eye and ear, and 78 for diseases of the throat, since the 1st of last January. During the same period 233 operations have been performed at the Hospital. A shooting match for The Turf, Field and

Farm challenge badge, will take place at 3:39 p.m. to-morrow, at Creedmoor. The ferrybeat connecting with the train for Creedmoor will leave James slip at 2 p.m. The contest is only open to members of the National Rifle Association. George Lahr, who, after his attempt to mur-

der Joseph Schneider, shot himself in the temple, as related in another column, remained insensible at Belle-vue Hospital for many hours, and at last, without a total last without a few first. Counter moment of consciousness, died last Hermann was asked to noid an inquest.

Col. C. Heywood of the U. S. Marine Corps brought to police headquarters three prisoners under guard, last night, and with the consent of Inspector McDermott locked them up in its cells sor the night. The prisoners' names are as follows: James H. Lane, James Kearney, and Caarles Boyle. They were convicted of offenses committed on vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron stationed at Norfolk, and are on their way from that city to the State Prison of Connecticut at Weathersfield. They will be taken to Weathersfield to-day.

The scene along the banks of Manhattan Island at dusk, as seen from the Harlem bonts, is enlivening and rural in the extreme. The various plants gardens are brilliantly lighted and the bands play gardens are brilliantly lighted and the bands pinal loudly; sportive youngsters fairly swarm about the edges of the water; clinker boats and sailing and steam yachts dart hither and thither; and a strong odor sweeps over the water suggesting the idea that the Board of Health is cleaning out a score of vinegar

A pilot reported to the Pilot Commissioners yesterday that eight dead horses, evidently thrown from a receiving barge, were floating in the bay, opposi Staten Island, between the upper and lower Quarantine stations. A barge containing dead animals was towed down the bay Wednesday might, and its contents were thrown into the Swash Channel, creating a terrible stench. The police have been informed, and the Pilot Commissioners will endeavor to ferret our and punish The investigation of the charges made

against Harbor Master Henry W. Johnson was begun, yesterday afternoon, by Capt. Seaman, at his office. The complaints were formally made, and all those in-The complaints were formally made, and all those li-terested in the matter were present. The examination was a secret one, and Capt. Seaman having been advised by his counsel not to make the proceedings public, de-clined to give any of the testimony adduced until it had been sent to the Governor. The investigation continued three hours. Harbor Master Johnson protested to a re-porter of The Timbuxe that the charges were made by interested persons.

The funeral services of the late John Mulligan, the veteran minstrel, familiarly known as "Lou John," who died from heart discase at the Occidental Hotel, on Monday, took place at St. Augustine Chapel Hotel, on Monday, took place at St. Augustine Chapel, of the Trinity Parish, at Nos. 262 and 264 Bowery, at 2 p. m., yesterday. The chapel was crowded with members of the minstrel and dramatic professions, and others. The services were impressively conducted by the rector, and, at their conclusion, the remains, inclosed in a handsome rosswood casket, professly decorated with flowers, were conveyed to the Cypress Hills Cemetry, followed by a long procession of carriages and escorted by the Order of Eiks.

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The Health Board's programme at Fulton market has somewhat disturbed the usual folly and dealer, who are doomed to be thrown out of business tomorrow. They do not evince excitement but grimly go on doing their business as if they expected to earn their daily bread in the same spot for the rest of their lives. One old tellow who is a noted character in his way, and One old fellow who is a noted character in an way, awhose coffee stand is now in runs, was wandering about abstractedly. "This is a runed community," said he, but it can't be helped. It's worse than fire or water, for then we would have insurance coming to us." To morrow morning will witness a singular scene in the market, but it will also be a sad one. Charlotte Newman and Elizabeth Ormsbee,

two shop-lifters, were arrested, last December, for stealng lace shawls worth \$900 from the store of Lake & McCreery, on Broadway. The woman Newman was admitted to bail in \$10,000, one Golden, of South Fifth-ave., becoming her bondsman. Soon afterward she fled, but the woman Ormsbee was convicted and sent to Sing sing. The police, however, aided by Golden, traced the fugitive to Toronto, Canada. A short time ago she committed a robbery in Toronto, and returning to this city to clude the Canadian officers, she was captured on Wednesday night by Detective Mullen, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct. She was arraigned before Justice Hogan, yesterday, in the Toombs Police Court and committed. BROOKLYN.

The Commissioners of Charities report 1,698 inmates in the county institutions, including 652 in the Lunatic Asylum. Another section of the Police, under the

superintendence of Inspector Folk, will make an excur-sion to Bockaway Beach to-day. The members of the Old Bushwick Church,

of which the Rev. Samuel Mecker has been paster for 49 years, will go on an excursion to-day. The Brooklyn Sunday-school Union will give a farewell reception to Fountain J. Hartley of the Lon-

don, Eng., Sunday-school Union to-night, at the Church in Clinton-st., near Fuiton. Mr. Hartley, the Rev. Dr. Vincent. and others will speak. Health Commissioner Conklin and Dr. Segur made a personal inspection last evening of the dock at the foot of Amity-st., where 50,000 bushels of rotten grain

has been lying for eight months, and emitting an odor which has caused several serious cases of sickness. A report on the nuisance will be made to the Board of Health to-day. A man described as aged about 30 years, medium hight, smooth face, and dressed in a dark blue suit with straw hat, applied for work at The Eagle office.

yesterday afternoon and during the absence of Mr. McKelway.one of the editors, left the place with his pocket-book, containing \$95, which he took from a coat nanging in the editorial rooms. The will of the late Ethelbert S. Mills was admitted to probate by Surrogate Veeder yesterday, and letters of administration were granted to the son, Thomas S. Mills, who was present and qualified. M. T. Rodman and E. T. Lombard, the subscribing witnesses to the will, were examined as to its execution. There was no appearance in opposition.

In June last the Common Council called upon the Board of City Works for a complete list of its employes with the positions held and the amount of salary paid, but it is only at this late day that a response has been made and the information demanded handed to Controller Schroeder. The list contains the names of 350 men, and the total amount paid them yearly is \$416,117.

John Henry Lance, age 10, a delicate and slightly demented ind whose parents reside at No. 742 Myrtle-ave., left home on Tuesday last, and his body was found in the river at the foot of Van Dyke-st. yesterday. The boy's father came to Police Headquarters in quest of him on Wednesday, and as no tidings could be obtained said that he should commit sucide. The police did not believe him and therefore did not detain him; but it was learned yesterday that he had disappeared, and he is supposed to have carried out his threat.

LONG ISLAND. PATCHOGUE.—The importance of the fishing nterest on the south side of the island may be judged by a statement of the business of this year. About 350 men are engaged in gathering oysters in Patchogue Bay. Each of these men earn during the oyster season about Each of these men earn during the Syster season above
\$600, amounting to over \$200,000 for cysters taken from
the untural beds alone. There are also planted beds,
belonging to private owners, to whom the town has
leased from 600 to 800 acres for planting, and this interest
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leastimated to be worth at least \$150,000 a year. From

fish and clams is realized at least \$100,000 more, making an aggregate of nearly half a million a year from this interest alone in a single village.

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WINFIELD—As the train on the Flushing and North Side Railroad, due at Hunter? Foint at 2:27 p.m. yesterday, was crossing Thomson-ave, between this place and Woodsde, it struck a wigout containing three persons. The train immediately stopped and backed to the crossing. Christopher Schmeig, the driver of the wagou, was found dead, while his wife, though alive, appeared fatally injured, and the third occupant of the vehicle, the son of the deceased, lay unconscious, with both arms broken. The mother and son were taken to this place and nedical and was summoned. The body of Schmeig was also taken to this village, and a coroner's jury was impaneled, which immediately adjourned until to-night. Late last evening it was thought that Mrs. Schmeig could not survive, though hopes were entertained that her son had sustained no serious injuries, other than the breaking of his arms.

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which to complete the Water Werks, provided the Board of Aidermen will stop all further work on the part of the city... Work upon the new horse-car line between dissylle and this place has been suspended, and the esidents of both places are in consequence very indigant. They say that this action has been brought about yt. They say that this action has been brought about the directors of the line which rans from Grand-st. trocklyn, to Calvary Cemetery, with the prosperity of thich the new line would materially interfere.

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Newtown.—At 10 a. m. yesterday flames were discovered issuing from the roof of one of a row of two story houses next north of The Register building, occupied, in part, by the owner, John Schneler, as a lazer-beer saloon. An alarm was sounded, to which the firemen responded promptly. After an hour's hard work they succeeded in subduing the flames and confining them to the house in which they originated. As the fire occurred in the most thickly settled portion of the village, the greatest fears were at one time entertained of a great conflagration. The occupants of The Register buildings. Mr. Schneler estimates his loss at \$5,000, on which he had \$5,000 insurance, though in what comparies he could not tell, yesterday.

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JAMAICA.—John Wild, the colored man arrested in New-York on Wednesday for supposed complicity in the robbery of Farmer Dennis of this place, confessed his crine at Brooklyn yesterday, and was remanded for examination on Saturday.

Woodsburgh.—G. W. Bayly, clerk of the Woodsburgh Pavilion, was presented on Wednesday by the ladies of the hotel with a massive gold chain and seal, valued at about \$100, in recognition of his uniform attention to the interests of his guests.

STATEN ISLAND.

STAPLETON.-A Committee of Village Alderen met, on Wednesday evening, as a Board of Excise, but failed to organize, owing to some informality in the selection of the Committees. There were 15 applications for licenses to sell liquors, but none were granted, in for licenses to sell liquors, but none were granted, in consequence of the failure to organizo.... A large lot of valuable wearing apparel, stolen nearly a year ago from a private residence in Beach-st., was found near the Wood-road, at Cuiton, in the house of one Luke-Mechan, who was recently arrested for stealing from Mr. Leifert's house, on Landing-ave., Clifton, several hundred dollars' worth of carpets. The prisoner was committed to the County Jail to await the action of the Grand Jary. There are now about 15 burglars tocked up in that institution, awaiting the action of the Grand Jury, which will meet in the second week of September.

Tompensyll.i.—On Thursday evening John Jackman found the body of an unknown man on Pavilion Hill, near this place, with a large double-burneled pistol by his side. The deceased had evidently committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth, as the upper part of his head was entirely blown off. The deceased was apparently about 55 years of are, had light complexion, and had black frock coat, joheck pantabons, black vest, sik het and gatter shoes. He appeared to be a German, and had in his pocket a receipt drawn in favor of Leopoid Baylor, which is supposed to be his name. The poince surgeon, Dr. Lee, made a post-mortem examination of suicide by pistol shot. The remains were given in charge of Mr. Oats, a Stapleton undertaker, and if they are not identified within a reasonable time, they will be taken to the Potter's Field for burial. aken to the Potter's Field for burial.

WHITE PLAINS .- The Court of Sessions for Westchester County adjourned for the term, last night. after disposing of a number of cases of minor importance. The Grand Jory, during its brief session, found indictments, as follows: One for murder in the first degree, in the year 1869, the Rye Neck murder case; one for an assault with intent to kill; one tor burgiary and grand larceny; tour for assault and battery; and three for selling liquor on Sanday. Robert Diedtmann, indicted for having fired a pisto at Abraham Banta, with intent to kill him, on being arraigned, pleaded guity, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary. James Troy, for an assault and battery, was sent to the Albany Penitentiary for one year. John Donnell, for an assault and battery, was found in the Albany Penitentiary for six months. Edward Purcell and Win, H. Tilford, indicted for selling liquor on sunday, were field in ball to await trial. ance. The Grand Jory, during its brief session, found

JERSEY CITY .- The Board of Fire Commis-

oners has authorized the issue of a warrant for \$3,18309 pay salaries for the half month ending July 31 Andrew Manyon was held in ball yesterday charged with the fraudulent purchase of goods, valued at \$37, which drew Manyon was held in ball yesterday charges with the fraudulent purchase of goods, valued at \$37, which the purchaser failed to make payment, though he had taken the goods... A young man named Lewis Stein, residing on West-st., near the Hackensack River, was attacked by a burglar, who had secreted himself in the celtar of the house, on Wednessiay night, and when discovered by Stein rushed upon him with a pistol threatening to shoot if any outcry was made. Stein kept quiet and the burglar backed out of the door, locking his victim in, and disappeared. Stein's brother noticed his absence, searched for him, and set him at liberty... At the request of the Board of Public Works, the Beard of Fire Commissioners has appointed a Committee to anite with the Committee of the Board of Public Works in an examination of the water supply on the Hights, and to devise means for its improvement... An infant son of H. J. Croad of Henry-st. fell from a second-story window, yesterday, and struck a chair standing on the plazza below in such a manner that one of the upright posts pierced through the ribs and penetrated the lung about three lincies. No hopes of its recovery are entertained... John A. Vicars of Fairview-ave, hus been arrested, charged with stealing a watch valued at \$380 and a quantity of fewelry from Robert C. Trumbath, who boarded in his house.

PATRIBON.—One hundred and twenty-five deaths oc-

boarded in his house.

PATERSON.—One hundred and twenty-five deaths occurred during the month of July....The Grave M. E. Sanday-school will go on an excursion up the Midland to-flay... The meeting of citizens who wish to investigate the circumstances attending the dismissal of Prof. McIntire, Principal of the High School, will take trace at the Wigwam to-hight... Enging Co. No. 1, made its annual excursion yesterday, the party minus 16 railway are... The new Directory for 1878-74 appeared yest.

day.

GREENVILLE.—An ifinerant glazier, who gave his pame as simon Broom, was arrested on Thursany by Capt. Dickson for stening a rold watch and chain from E. D. Terbell's store. The accased at first denied the tuet, but subsequently confessed that he had taken the articles, and that they were secreted in his apartments it No. 52 Chrystie-st., New-York. Capt. Dickson went to he house spoken of, and recovered the property. Hoom was committed for trial.

Cathwayl.—The account.

CALDWELL.—The county physcian was informed yes terday morning that the dead body of Thomas Snow, a lad, had been found in an out-house on Wednesday even-ing. The boy find evidently died during an epileptic fit to which he was subject. Dr. Dodd gave a certificate KEARNEY .- Jacob Ricker, an employé at the new abat-

or, was sonstruck yestermay... Inomas Wallace, a mason working on a building, Wednesday, was over-come by the heat, fell a distance of 15 feet to the ground, and sustained a fracture of several ribs.

RUTHERFURD PARK.—James Barclay, a clerk employed by W. Manly, Mrs. Manly, and \$400 in cash have been missing from Manly's premises since Monday night. Barclay and Mrs. Manly were seen to enter a train to-gether at that time.

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Hoboken.—In consequence of the announcement that
the recent default of Kiennen, formerly Treasurer of
the Hoboken Bark of Savings, would amount to \$50,000,
there was a ron upon the bank during the morning.

Newark.—The Board of Health met last night and
decided to warn the proprietors of Newsbaum's fat
lendering establishment not to occupy it for such purloses under penalty of prosecution.

West Hoboken.—The residence of Mrs. Saving of

WEST HOBOKEN.—The residence of Mrs. Savage, on Pallsade-ave., was broken into on Wednesday, and robbed of property valued at \$73.

POLICE NOTES.

John Barry, age 4, died yesterday at No. 170 Union-ace, Brooklyn, from the effects of a quantity of potash wanch be found The dry goods store of A. H. Pierce, at No. 100

ranklin-st., was entered by this lefs worts \$350 were stolen, Ann McAnerny, a servant, age 22, died at No. 471 James McDermott, age 40, of No. 417 West Six-centh-st., was bitten in the neck by a horse at Twenty-seventh-st. and inth-ave., resterday, and severely wounded.

Thomas Garvey, a laborer, while drawing a piece timber out of the water at Folar's ship-yard, Brooklyn, E. U., yes, was struck by a splin.er, which pierced his body and killed him

An unknown man called at the office of Dr. Robert

Patrick Riley, age 11, of Third-ave., between One hundred and tenth at any One buttered and eleventured, while bening to the rope of a steam derrick at Fourth ave. and One businesses the st. resterday, was drawn around the rober, wounded in the face, and had his left arm broken.

GROUNDLESS FEAR OF CHOLERA. Archibald McIntyre, age 10, died after only

12 hours' sickness, in the apartments of his parents at No. 407 Greenwich-st., yesterday morning. The attending physician was informed by the parents that their child had eaten a quantity of unripe fruit an hour before he was taken sick, and this was the cause, in their opinion, of the severe attack of cholera-morbus from which he was apparently suffering. The physician old all that was possible for the sick boy, but was unable to save his life. Inasmuch as the boy had died so suddenly the parents deemed it their duty to have an inquest upon his body. Coroner Kessler received the noti

formed the officers of the Health Board of the fact. In company with three Sautary Inspectors of the Health Denartment, Coroner Kessler proceeded to the house, yesterday afternoon, and examined the body. To the gratification of the physicians it was found that the boy had died morely of a very severe type of cholers morebus, and that there was no reason to suspect that death was counsed by Asiatic cholers. The Sanitary officers

RAILROAD INTERESTS

EXTENSION OF THE LONG ISLAND CENTRAL RAILROAD The extension of the Central Railroad of Long Island will be opened through from Hempstead to Babylon to-day. The entire line is in fine condition, and the road-bed is probably one of the best in the country, being ballasted with gravel to the depth of about three feet, which will not only prevent heaving from the free in Winter, but will prevent the rotting of the ties from the collection of water in the road-bed. At Bethpage Junetion a branch extends to the brickyards south of Farmingdale, crossing the Long Island yards south of Farmingdale, crossing the Long Island road near Bethpage. It will probably be continued to Port Jefferson. The stations along the Central road are as follows: Mendow Brook, formerly known as Westbury: Island of Trees or Hecksville; Central Park, formerly known as Jerusalem; Bethpage Jonetten, and Bubylon. The road at the latter point crosses the said country road west of George Peursal's, thence across Carll's Creek, about 309 yards below Main-at., and thence crossing Fire Island-are, between the Watson House and Judge Reid's place, with the terminus pear the present steamboat deck.

BAILROAD NOTES. The Hon. Augustus Schell has been chosen

a director of the New York, New-Haven and Martford, Railroad, in place of the late Hon. Horace F. Clark. The directors of the Erie Railway Company nold a meeting yesterday, but transacted only routing

business, not touching upon the questions of a dividend or Pirst Vice-President. L. F. Marshall, Superintendent of the North Side and Flushing Railroad, has tendered his resignation which has been accepted. His successor has not yet een appointed, and the Roadmaster, H. C. Moore, will or the present attend to the duties of the position.

It is stated that Atchison, Kan., will probably be the western terminus of the Chicago, Burling on and Quincy Railroad, or, as it is better known, tho Burlington and Missouri River road. It will enter Atchison over the St. Joseph bridge, down the Wathena and Doniphan road to Doniphan, and thence to Atchison by the Atchison and Nebraska.

Another railroad suit, which has a connection with the suits brought against the St. Paul and Pacific Paul, Minn. C. A. DeGraff, William Crooks, and Nicholas DeGraff filed a complaint at the office of the Clerk of the District Court against William G. Moorhead, defendant, for work done and material furnished in the construction of the road from Sauk Repids to Brainerd and the St. Cloud and St. Vincent extension. The claim aggregate sabout \$500,000.

A special dispatch to The Chicago Tribuno from Springfield, Ill., on Tuesday, says: The Hallroad and Warehouse Commissioners had under consideration this afternoon a question submitted by a superlatendent name we could not learn, as to whether he could give through rates to New-York from one point on his road, and refuse to give them from other points, notwith standing the articles offered for shipment at each place series of the quantities of the same class. The Commi-sioners decided a reply to be returned stating that be could not, for such accome on his part would be a viola-

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